

Horror:

Stephen King
John Saul

Adventure:

Clive Cussler

Gentle/ Christian Fiction

Should be call it Christian Fiction, or would a more inclusive term like "inspirational fiction" be more appropriate?
Bethany House Publisher

Plainsong by Kent Haruf
Mitford Series by Jan Karon
Beverly Lewis
Francine Ribers
Janette Oke
Kay Hooper
Dee Henderson
Left Behind Series (also juvenile version)
Christy Miller Series
Bodie Thoene
Maeve Binchy (gentle)
Rosamunde Pilcher (gentle)
Eugenia Price
Brio (monthly periodical)

Science Fiction/ Fantasy:

William Shatner
C.J. Cherryh
Ursula LeGuin (feminine appeal)
William Gibson (1948-) *cyberpunk*
Frank and Brian Herbert
Orson Scott Card
Anne McCaffrey
Andre Norton (feminine appeal) *Witchworld*
Robert Jordan
Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman
Terry Pratchett "*Discworld*"
Piers Anthony "Xanth Series"
Mercedes Lackey (feminine appeal)
"Wizards of the Coast" series (Dungeons and Dragons)

sf classics:

Isaac Asimov
Ray Bradbury
Robert Heinlein
Roger Zelazny

Historical:

Sharon Kay Penman
Diana Gabaldon
Jean Plaidy
Patrick O'Brian
C.S. Forester (Horatio Hornblower series)
Lindsey Davis
Wilbur Smith
Jeff Shaara (U.S. Civil War)
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
Bernard Cornwell
Sara Donati
Dark Matter: the private life of Sir Isaac Newton by Philip Kerr
Rosalind Laker

Romance:

Sometimes it's okay to judge a book by its cover: is it lacy? Hint to time period? Is the author's name larger than the title?

Linda Howard
Jayne Ann Krentz
Tami Hoag
Rosamunde Pilcher
Janette Oke
Barbara Michaels/ Barbara Mertz
Barbara Taylor Bradford
Belva Plain
Debbie Macomber
Maeve Binchy
Lavyrle Spencer
Jude Deveraux

Regency:

Georgette Heyer
Marion Chesney
Mary Jo Putney
Patricia Veryan

General Fiction:

Mona in the Promised Land by Gish Jen
Waiting by Ha Jin
Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks
White Oleander by Janet Fitch
Jodi Picoult
Coraline by Neil Gaiman (not just for kids!)

Non-fiction:

A Trip to the Beach by Melinda and Robert
Blanchard
The Moon's Our Nearest Neighbor by Ghillie
Basan
Sy Montgomery

Mystery:

Well-known authors:

Nevada Barr
Sue Grafton
Jan Burke
Kathy Reichs
Miriam G. Monfredo
Jonathan Kellerman
Ruth Rendell alias Barbara Vine
Dana Stabenow
Tony Hillerman
Anne Perry
Marcia Muller
Margaret Truman
Elliot Roosevelt
Walter Mosley
Dick Francis
Mary Higgins Clark
Carol Higgins Clark
James Lee Burke
Elmore Leonard
Carl Hiaasen
John Sanford
Scott Turow
Bill Pronzini
Martha Grimes
Robert Parker
Archer Mayor
Charlotte MacLeod
Val McDermid
Ed McBain
Sharyn McCrumb
Sara Paretsky
Elizabeth George
P.D. James
Dennis Lehane
Stuart Kaminsky
Colin Dexter
Catherine Aird
Agatha Christie
Dorothy Sayers
Daphne DuMaurier
Wilkie Collins
Ellis Peters

Unfamiliar authors:

Harlan Coben
Keith Ablow
Dianne Day
Laurie King
Anthony Oliver
Phys Bowen
Ted Wood
Eric Wright
Sue Henry
Stephen Dobyns
Peter Tremain
Gillian Linscott
Linda Barnes
J.D. Robb
Tim Cockey (undertaker)
Lindsey Davis
Janwillem Van De Wetering
Roderic Jeffries
Per Wahloo
The Skull Mantra by Eliot Pattison
Michael Dibdin
Alexander Smith
Peter Bowen
Jill McGown
Susan Conant
Philip Craig
Laura Lippman
J. Bannister
Peter Lovesey
C.J. Box
Whitley Strieber
Kate Wilhem
G.M. Ford
Sam Llwelllyn
Willie Shoemaker
Abigail Padgett
Ian Rutledge series by Charles Todd
Nancy Bartholomew (Strip series = Janet Evanovich read-alike)
Alan Gordon (jester/ medieval mysteries)

Lightweight/ Foodies:

Diane Mott Davidson
Lilian Jackson Braun
Carole Nelson Douglas
Rita Mae Brown
Virginia Rich
Nancy Pickard
Carpool by Mary Cahill

Anthology:

“Naked Came the Manatee” (each author
writes a chapter)
“Sisters in Crime”

Mysteries that make you think:

Innocent Blood by P.D. James
Skull Mantra by Elliott Pattison
“Tell No One” and “Gone for Good” by
Harlan Coben
Instance of the Fingerpost by Iain Pears

Best of the Best:

Flesh and Blood by Jonathan Kellerman
Raphael Affair by Iain Pears
Boy’s Life by Robert McCammon
Small Death in Lisbon by Robert Wilson
Mystic River by Dennis Lehane

Historical Settings:

Fiona Buckley
P.C. Doherty
Caleb Carr
Anne Perry
Barbara Hambly
Ellis Peters
Miriam Grace Monfredo
Lindsey Davis
Alys Clare
Candice Robb
Karen Harper
Umberto Eco
Alan Bennett

Medical:

Patricia Cornwell
Robin Cook
Michael Crichton
Michael Palmer
Tess Gerritsen

Humor:

Donald Westlake

Foreign:

Bartholomew Gill